

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Indiana Supreme Court partnered with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and State Police to receive two federal grants to create and implement the statewide Protection Order Registry (POR) which makes judges' orders available to local, state and national law enforcement agencies within minutes, all at no cost to counties.

In 2005, more than 83 Hoosiers died as the result of domestic violence and more than 9,000 adults and children went to an emergency shelter because it was not safe to stay at home. Protection Orders are a significant tool to help protect victims of violence and their families, but court orders are ineffective unless the information reaches local and state law enforcement officers who need to enforce them.

The Indiana Protection Order Registry links Indiana courts issuing Protection or No-Contact Orders with the State Police's Indiana Data and Communication System (IDACS) and the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC).



Addressing domestic violence is a complex issue, but this Protection Order Registry will significantly assist those atrisk. Furthermore, the partnership between the Executive and Judicial branches of Indiana government demonstrates that state leaders are committed to protecting victims.

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COUNTIES USING THE SYSTEM AS OF SEPTEMBER 2007: Adams, Blackford, Carroll, Clay, Dearborn, Henry, Howard, Jay, Lake, Orange, Owen, Starke, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Vigo and Warren

HOW IT WORKS

When orders are issued, two things happen immediately:

- 1. The Order is electronically entered into the system and shared with IDACS and NCIC within minutes, and
- 2. A copy of the Order is faxed or emailed to local law enforcement agencies where the parties live and work.

This ensures that all appropriate law enforcement agencies are immediately notified when a Protection or No-Contact Order is issued, modified or revoked.

JTAC initially installed the system in three pilot counties and is now undertaking statewide deployment. JTAC continues to work to identify additional grant funds to expand the system to include electronic delivery of service documentation, a voice response unit to record service, interfaces to local law enforcement systems and the new statewide case management system.

The E-File System will:

- Provide complete records in a timely fashion
- Generate appropriate court order quickly and accurately
- Enhance state and national databanks
- Reduce workload on local law enforcement
- Accelerate informationsharing





